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DE 199 47 529 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose an incremental optical encoder with a pushbutton on a panel movable parallel to an axis of rotation.

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